

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 18 as follows:

A hard disc or the like is used as the recording means 20 for recording the MPEG2-PES data 42.

As shown in FIG. 1, the apparatus 10 further includes a selecting or switching means 24 for selectively transmitting the compressed audio/video data extracted by the data separating means 14 to the data reproducing means 26. When the MPEG2-PES data 42 recorded in the recording means 20 is read and transmitted to the data reproducing means 26, the selecting means 24 is controlled to connect the reproduction control means 22 to the data reproducing means 26.

The data reproducing means 26 has a video data decoding section 51 and an audio data decoding section 52 for decoding the compressed audio data and the compressed video data, respectively.

The means 26 also has a buffer for temporarily holding data. [[ ]]In order to prevent an overflow or underflow in the buffer, the apparatus 10 may further comprise monitoring means 23 monitoring the amount of data transmitted from the reproduction control means 22 to the data reproducing means 26.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 7 as follows:

In the method for recording digital data, the receiving means 12 receives digital broadcast programs transmitted from an MPEG2 system which transmits digital data such as satellite broadcast data, cable broadcast data, and terrestrial broadcast data. The received digital broadcast data is composed of a plurality of TS packets 34, as shown in FIG. 2. Since the received digital broadcast data is MPEG2-TS data 28 in which a plurality of programs are multiplexed, the data separating means 14 extracts specific compressed audio/video data

corresponding to a desired program from the data areas 32 of the TS packets 34. The record controlling means 16 is responsive to the extracted data to generate the MPEG2-PES data 42 including a data area 40 which is composed of the compressed audio/video data. The MPEG2-PES data 42 is recorded in the recording means 20. When the MPEG2-PES data is recorded, the selecting means 24 is controlled to disconnect the data separating means 14 and the reproduction control means 22 from the data reproducing means ~~24~~ 26. The time division control means 18 is then controlled to gate the output from the record control means 16 to the recording means 20.